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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
SHUGO NISHI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: A. J. ZIMMER  
SERIAL NO: 10/566,373 :  
FILED: JANUARY 30, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1793  
FOR: AMORPHOUS SILICA PARTICLES :  
HAVING HIGH ABSORBING  
CAPABILITIES AND HIGH  
STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISTICS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 15, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment, Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 of Christian Panz (Panz Declaration) **submitted herewith**, and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Discussion of the Amendment** begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.